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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1907.

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.—Emerson.

### The City's Credit.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Mr. Dabney offered the following joint resolution, which was adopted:

1. That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the desirability of submitting to the qualified voters of the city of Richmond at the next general election the question of the issuance of bonds by the city of Richmond in pursuance of section 1032G of the Code of Virginia, 1904, for any one or more of the following purposes:

(1) For the enlargement of the City Water Works and the capacity for pumping water into the reservoirs of the city.

(2) For the rehabilitation, enlargement and proper equipment of the City Gas Works.

(3) For the establishment, construction and equipment of a city electric light plant on the site of the old City Water Works.

2. That the said Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed and required to proceed with such inquiry and investigation as speedily as possible, and to report the result of their investigation and conclusions in the premises to either branch of the Council, and if their conclusions be favorable to the issuance of bonds for any one or more of the said purposes, to accompany said report with an ordinance or ordinances carrying out their recommendations.

Section 1032G of the Code restricts the bond issue of cities and towns to 18 per cent. of the assessed valuation of their taxable real estate, with this provision, that in determining the limitation of the power of a city or town to incur indebtedness, there shall not be included the following: "Bonds authorized by an ordinance enacted in accordance with section 123 of the Constitution and approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the qualified voters of the city or town voting upon the question of their issuance, at the general election next succeeding the enactment of the ordinance, or at a special election held for that purpose, for a supply of water, or other specific undertaking from which the city or town may derive a revenue; but from and after a period to be determined by the Council, not exceeding five years from the date of such election, whenever and for so long as such undertaking fails to produce sufficient revenue to pay for the cost of operation and administration (including interest on bonds issued therefor, and the cost of insurance against loss by injury to persons or property), and an annual amount to be covered into a sinking fund sufficient to pay, at or before maturity, all bonds issued on account of said undertaking, all such bonds outstanding shall be included in determining the limitation of the power to incur indebtedness, unless the principal and interest be made payable exclusively from the receipts of the undertaking."

It is under this clause that the above issue of Richmond bonds is proposed. The meaning of the provision as we understand it, is that if the city should issue bonds for the purposes named, it would have five years within which to demonstrate that the several undertakings were able to produce sufficient revenue to pay cost of operation, insurance, interest on the bonds, and provide for a sinking fund. If that could be shown within the period named, these bonds would not be included in the 18 per cent. bond limit. If not, they would be so included. In either event, however, the issue would be a debt upon the city, and the city would be responsible for the interest.

Mayor McCarthy said in his annual message that under this provision the city had the right to issue bonds practically without limit for the establishment of water works, gas works, electric light plants, or any other productive works. Within the restrictions of the statute the Mayor's statement is true. Purchasers of bonds are apt to take note of it, and if it should be followed almost immediately by three issues of bonds, as proposed, there can be no doubt that the credit of the city would be injured. It would be a serious blunder, in our opinion, for the city to exceed the 18 per cent. bond limit under any conditions. Once begun, where will it end?

### Objection No. 4.

In the following article Mr. E. C. Masie discusses objection No. 4 to the Torrens system. He says:

"In addition to those who fear the Torrens system might enable men to sell their homes improvidently, there are others of the same class who ob-

ject that it will make it too easy for men to borrow money on their homes. An opponent has said with this assurance: 'No man ought to mortgage his home.' This may be a philanthropic assertion, but is there any freeman in Virginia who is willing that any one shall dictate to him in this fashion, curtail his rights of inheritance, and assume to be a universal and infallible judge over all his fellow-citizens? Would you vote for any man who announced it would be his policy to procure the enactment of a statute prohibiting any one from mortgaging his home? Or would you vote for any man who declared he would do whatever he could to add to the costs and difficulties of mortgaging real estate? There was a time when loans were only made on lands under the cumbersome system of bond and mortgage, requiring a suit in chancery to foreclose, and piling up lawyers' fees and other expenses upon the unfortunate debtor. But in the course of time it occurred to some reformer that many of these burdens might be lightened by the creation of a trust, and so the deed of trust succeeded and supplanted the old form of mortgage. And by means of the trustee or trustees, selected by both parties, and clothed with power to sell upon specified conditions, the necessity of a costly suit in chancery has been obviated, and the values of real estate have been enlarged. What the deed of trust has done on a small scale and in one instance, the Torrens system will do on a large scale and in every instance. It will save costs; it will facilitate loans, and it will enlarge the values of real estate in every direction by adding to lands a commercial quality and making them available for cash transactions in the market. It will thus encourage the purchase of homes, because money so invested will no longer be tied up and practically withdrawn from circulation and the uses of business, as it now is. Many men who cannot now afford to own their homes because such an investment now means the absolute withdrawal of so much capital from business, will buy homes under the Torrens system because the certificate of title will be as good as registered bonds, and afford a source of credit at the banks for all the needs of business.

### Honor to Whom Honor.

The following recently appeared in a Norfolk paper:

"Who first suggested the idea of holding the Jamestown Exposition to celebrate the first English settlement upon American soil? According to Frank V. Baldwin, cashier of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore city, W. H. Rowland, of Richmond, first conceived the idea, and advocated it in his little paper, The New South, fourteen years ago."

That may be. We are certain that in his Trade Journal of July, 1893, Mr. Rowland proposed an international exposition for Richmond in 1907, "commemorating the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the first English colony in America." In the August number another article on the same subject appeared, in which it was proposed that the Legislature appropriate a million dollars for the purpose; and again, in the September number, still another article, which contained valuable historic information. The editor recalled that in 1907 a festival was held at Jamestown, commemorative of the second centennial anniversary and was attended by more than 2,000 persons. Resolutions were adopted, providing that "there be a quinquennial festival kept at Jamestown, at which the people of Virginia shall be invited to attend; the primary object of which festival shall be to commemorate the first settlement of this country, to invigorate Republican sentiment, and to offer up to the Divine Benefactor of man that tribute of praise and thanksgiving which rational piety imposes."

That each portion of five years be called a Virginia.

That the citizens of Virginia be invited to appoint committees in the principal towns and places, one year before the return of the next festival at Jamestown, for the purpose of making arrangements requisite to the festival, and for attaining the objects contemplated by those patriotic meetings.

"That it be recommended to the people of this State to assemble annually on the 12th of May, in places most convenient to themselves, to celebrate the landing of their forefathers in Virginia."

Mr. Rowland's proposal is a matter of record, and unless some man can show a similar proposal antedating July, 1899, Mr. Rowland is entitled to the honor, and he is entitled to full credit and due recognition. He is still in the land of the living and is an estimable citizen of Chesterfield.

### Pennsylvania on Record.

A youthful member of the Pennsylvania House of Delegates recently offered in that body the following resolution:

"Whereas, a continuance of the present peace and prosperity of this nation can best be assured by a continuance of the wise and beneficent policies inaugurated by Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania that President Roosevelt be requested to accept a second elective term to the high office he now occupies with such distinction to himself and profit to the nation."

After the resolution had been read another member called for a second reading, and the Speaker put the vote. The response indicated that not more than one-half the members voted. There was a halting shout of "aye," and a greater volume of "noes" coming strongly from the Republican as well as the Democratic side.

The noes have it, and the resolu-

## Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1151.

### Aspirations of Youth.

By JAMES MONTGOMERY.

There were two Montgomeries who wrote poetry, James and Robert. They were not related to each other. Robert is chiefly remembered as the subject of a ferocious essay written by Macaulay for the Edinburgh Review in 1830, and reprinted in his "Essays." James Montgomery's principal claim to remembrance is derived from the poem printed below, also from "The Common Lot" and "Home," which is an extract from his long poem entitled "The West Indies." Montgomery's portrait, autograph and biographical sketch have already been printed in this series.

Higher, higher will we climb  
Up the mount of glory;  
That our names may live through time  
In our country's story;  
Happy, when her welfare calls,  
He who conquers, he who falls.

Deeper, deeper let us toll  
In the mines of knowledge;  
Nature's wealth and Learning's spoil  
Win from school and college;  
Delve we there for richer gems  
Than the stars of diadems.

Onward, onward may we press  
Through the path of duty;  
Virtue is true happiness.  
Excellence true beauty:  
Minds are of celestial birth,  
Make we then a heaven of earth.

Closer, closer let us knit  
Hearts and hands together;  
Where our fireside-comforts sit  
In the wildest weather:—  
Oh! they wander wide who roam  
For the joys of life from home.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

tion falls," announced the Speaker. Is that a straw to indicate the direction the political winds are blowing?

We are glad to have the aid of the Richmond Education Association in pushing the proposal for a juvenile court. Its aid is needed. Public sentiment must be aroused to the importance of such a court, and that is a work for the association. The salvation of the youth. We must have more concern for the one boy who goes astray than for the ninety-and-nine that need no correction.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch asks "what's the plural of molasses?" That's easy. It's more molasses, of course.—Montgomery Advertiser.

Magnificent, but it isn't grammar. One of our correspondents desires to know if it is correct to say "many molasses." What say you? And what say you, Mr. Schoolmaster, of Norfolk?

The Savannah News, actually has the temerity to suggest that representative Southern Democrats get together and consider whether or not they should support Bryan or some candidate from the South. We warn our contemporary that the proposal is full of dynamite.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Youth's Companion, is just eighty years old, but still belies the allegation that it is getting too old to accompany the youths any more.

A New York heiress has gone to Europe to escape the fortune-hunters, rightly calculating, no doubt, that most of Europe's are in this country.

The President might call almost anybody a liar, but there are only a few of us whom he can reasonably accuse of being a rich man's conspiracy.

E. H. Harriman is on the stand again. This may provide an answer to the little query propounded by the gentleman some time ago.

Woodrow Wilson's indorsement of the humble quid of commerce seems to show that he is not, after all, wholly ignorant of politics.

The brewery workers at Springfield, Mass., can drink a gallon of beer a day, gratis. Maybe some of them can't, but they can anyway.

Wisconsin will have lots of trouble in finding a new Senator who is as much like her old one as two Spooners.

Florida has attacked the United States Constitution. Up to a late hour last night the Constitution had declined to hit back.

Even a longish jump in thermometer would be no sufficient warrant for taking them off at this stage of the game.

Whatever your political views, be kind to Mr. Roosevelt when you meet him at the Expo to-morrow.

Spring is so very reluctant that there is danger that she may fall over backward and kill herself.

Maybe the earth would stop quaking if only John Temple Graves would stow it for awhile.

Still, bridge is well enough as long as it isn't turned into a veritable pons asinorum.

The world's biggest case of the blues may fairly be accredited Mr. W. T. Stead.

Let there be no hammer at Jamestown but the carpenter's.

Many a millionaire owes his pile direct to Mr. Dingley.

Stand ready for a new instalment of unwritten law.

It has been a busy year for seismographs, also.

Colonel Harvey, however, got the advertising.

### Killed by Terrorists.

ODERKA, April 24.—The chief of the political prison here was killed to-day by four terrorists, whose indication he had provoked by alleged atrocities upon prisoners. One of the terrorists committed suicide, another was captured, and two managed to make their escapes.

Miss Louisa Whitaker, who has been spending two weeks with friends in Richmond and Petersburg, has returned to her home in Newport News.

## Rhymes for To-Day

### The True Story.

AGNU looked into a shoe-shine shop  
To beg for a yard of prunes;  
But the attendant-general bellowed:  
"Stop!"

And the hostler yelled: "What loons!"

So the army turned to the left at that,  
And strolled away on its hands,  
And Sophy cheered and tossed up her hat  
From her seat in the new grand-stands.

All Europe shook at the grisly news,  
And the Queen said: "I'll resign,"  
But the officer hissed: "Stand back there, youse!"

And the monk said: "Half past 9."

Peru thus fell, and my friends and I,  
We dined that night in Rome.  
"So Jim went mad," said they with a sigh,  
But the waiter whispered, "No'm."

So I married her aunt next morn at 5,  
While the best man married May,  
And we stole two pounds from the young first mate,  
But the boat swam away.

Well, that's the tale as 'twas told to me—  
My grandfather saw it all—  
'Twas the Sultan himself, my dears, that  
Had kissed at the embassy ball.

H. S. II.

### MERELY JOKING.

Her Motive.

Captain John Smith was stammering his gratitude.  
"Don't mention it," returned Pocahontas.  
"I had to get in the Jamestown Exposition."

Once again was more man's estimate of his importance taken back.—New York Sun.

The Other End of It.

Customer: "Who is that lady your clerks are treating with so much deference?"  
Bookkeeper: "That? Oh, that's Mrs. Lay-test. She is one of our six best buyers."  
Puck.

The Ruse.

"How was it Dr. Knowit got such a big fee from Talkative?"  
"Because when he was called to attend to Mrs. Talkative for a slight nervous trouble he told her she had an acute inflammatory verberity."

And recommended absolute quiet as the only means of averting paroxysms of cacothemes loquendi. She's scared dumb.—Baltimore American.

The Absent-Minded Professor.

Hostess: "Oh, professor, haven't you been your whole life?"  
Professor: "There! I knew I'd forgotten something!"—Punch.

Beat To It.

Merchant: "Yes, we are in need of a janitor. Where were you employed last?"  
Applicant: "In a bank, sir."

Merchant: "Did you clean it out?"  
Applicant: "No, sir. The cashier did that."—Chicago Daily News.

You Never Can Tell.

The Office Boy: "Den youse fires me without givin' me a chance ter resign?"  
Employer: "I do. Get out!"

And now it is "Pittsburg paroxysm." The sufferers might be described as those who could move away from Pittsburg, but do not.—Chicago Post.

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The greatest living American may be a man who does not care a whistle whether anybody knows it or not.—Dallas News.

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POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

NEW YORK knows what it is to have stained plaster used for quartered oak in building a State Capitol, but when it comes to substituting cast-iron at 44 a pound for pure bronze it respectfully acknowledges the superiority of the Pennsylvania Capitol grafters.—New York World.

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If the story is true that Thaw is to manage his own case hereafter, it only indicates that he still has plenty of funds. He has secured one of the most expensive men in the country.—Chicago Tribune.

President McFren, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has left for a month's walking trip in Europe. To the extreme delight of us who have to smooch the anti-pass law. Brevet him right.—Buffalo News.

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Meeting for Divine Healing.

A meeting for divine healing will be held to-day at 4 P. M. in the West End Rescue Mission, No. 808 West Cary Street, and prayer will be offered for the sick. A holiness revival will go on in the mission at 8:15 o'clock to-night, Friday night at the same hour and all day on Saturday. The public are cordially invited to these services.

Mrs. James W. Barron, who has been visiting friends in this city and Baltimore, has returned to her home in Ghent.

# IF YOU TOUCH your tongue to ALUM

and look in the glass—you will see the effect—You can't help puckering—it makes you pucker to think of tasting it.

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## AVOID ALUM

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Royal is made from pure, refined Grape Cream of Tartar—Costs more than Alum but you have the profit of quality, the profit of good health.

## YOUNG WOMAN CRAWLED ALONG CORNICE TO ESCAPE FLAMES



Scene of fire early yesterday morning, dotted line showing where Mrs. Steinmetz crawled to awaken sleeping parents and to escape flames.

Several hundred dollars' worth of valuable paintings were destroyed early yesterday morning by a fire, which started in Ernest Young's art store, No. 3 North Seventh Street, and which at one time threatened to demolish the whole building.

The timely and providential awakening of Mrs. Steinmetz, daughter of Mr. Young, probably saved the entire family from being burned alive, as all were soundly asleep when the fire began. Mrs. Steinmetz, who is only sixteen years of age, was aroused by the dense smoke which filled her room. Crawling out of bed, she made her way to the front window and saw that this was the only avenue of escape. She awoke her husband, who, in his excitement, jumped to the pavement, two stories below, shouting himself about the fire and reviving a bad shaking up. Mrs. Steinmetz climbed

## AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Dark.

Bijou—"It's Up to You, John Henry."

Boston's—Wild Animal Arena.

Idolwood—Skating Rink and Carnival.

There are said to be more "whistleable" songs in "The Gingerbread Man," which comes to the Academy to-morrow, matinee and night, than in any other production which has been heard in New York this season. Among the numbers which have met with particular favor are "John Dough," "Moon, Moon, Moon," "Malzie," "Every Little Something," "Nursery Rhymes" and "The Evil Eye."

It will be pleasant news to the theatergoers of this city to learn that the George Fawcett Company, with Percy Haswell, will play a spring and summer engagement at the Academy, beginning Monday evening, May 13th. The company is composed of well-known and capable actors and actresses, who are sure to become popular favorites. Percy Haswell is one of the most popular actresses in the United States, and is an especial favorite in this city. The company includes Messrs. Walter D. Greene, George Hughes, Robert Peyton Carter, Allen Fawcett, James Bevis, Thomas Thorne, Charles

### Dr. Hunter McGuire

The late Dr. Hunter McGuire told me that the Otterburne Lithia Water ranked next to the Buffalo. I have been using it for years with the greatest satisfaction, and consider it the best water of its class on the market.—Eugene C. Masie.

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through the window and made her way to her father's room. She aroused her father, who let her in, and then Mr. and Mrs. Young proceeded to awaken the other members of the family. Everybody was got out in safety. Mr. Young's small baby not even making a whimper as she was carried from the burning building. Alphonse Alt and Joseph Obzina, two Viennese, were saved with some difficulty. They were almost suffocated by the intense smoke, and one of them had to be lowered by means of a hoisting tackle.

The fire was confined to the store room, where a large number of valuable paintings were being kept. Two portraits, painted by Mr. William L. Shepherd, of this city, which were to be framed, were destroyed. One of them was of John Randolph, of Roanoke, copied from a head by Chester Harding, owned by Joseph Bryan. The other portrait, also

by Shepherd, was of John Stewart. Several valuable engravings, the property of Mr. Young, were also lost. Frames of all descriptions and artist's material were also burned, and the flames blazed much furniture and portraits in adjoining rooms, rendering them valueless.

Two of these portraits were of the home and scene adjoining the home of Mr. Young, and one was of Mrs. Steinmetz.

The fire started in the store room over Nothing's hardware store. It is thought that it originated from a stove in the store room, in which a fire was burning at the time. The flames were extinguished by means of the chemical apparatus, as water would have ruined all the portraits and material in the rooms below.

Everything is covered by insurance, and Mr. Young expressed himself as being very thankful for this. He thought at first that he had no insurance, and that it would be a total loss.

Gay, Brigham Royce, Hooker Acheson, and Misses Angela McCull, Emily Wake-man and Molly Brady.

Among the plays to be presented are "Leah Kirschner," "The Little Minister," "The Prodigious Son," "Jane Eyre" and "Dorothy Vernon, of Haddon Hall."

A distinct success has been achieved by Miss Lott, Williams in the spectacular musical comedy drama, "My Tom Boy Girl," and she will be seen again this season at the head of this organization, with the best supporting company that it has ever been the good luck of the management to secure. New musical numbers, novelities and high-class specialties are a feature this year, with a host of pretty girls as mounds in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel scene, that created such a sensation before. The story of "My Tom Boy Girl" is portrayed in four acts, and will come to the Bijou next week.

By this time next week it is expected that Boston's Wild Animal Arena will be either on its way to or else located in the handsome new building at Pine Beach, to remain there during the Jamestown Exposition season.

The world-renowned wild animal trainers and their groups of ferocious beasts, which have delighted thousands of men, women and children in Richmond during the past winter, will in all probability be gone, and will leave behind them unsettled the question of whether or not they will return next winter.

"That the winter season here has been a prosperous one to Mr. Boston, as well as to many Richmond institutions, there is no question, as hardly a week has passed without a benefit being given by the management for some church or charitable organization, to help these bodies

with their good work. These, as well as the many who have been entertained and amused by the performances will miss the shows.

### Roll of Honor.

The roll of honor of Highland Springs High School for the month ending April 24th is as follows:

Senior B.—Virginia Thornton, Fannie Chenail, Nellie Alston, Georgia Rollins, Intermediate A.—Willie Deirhol, Blair Dowden, Alma Krozmarz, Sixth A.—Grade—Minnie Gilham, Mary Delehor, Ernest Johnson, Eddie Wood Taylor, Ethel Hechler, Fifth A.—Grade—Eleanor Allen, Eugenia Feltz, Mary Roseberry, Lorraine Tiller, Fourth A.—Grade—William Feltz, Thelma Hollis, Second B.—Grade—John Hubbard, Victoria Madors, Elna Slavall, Lena Kramer, Elsie Slavall, First B.—Grade—Dudley Collins, Villa Collins, Nona Oakley, Harry Ruth, Fred Knaibel, Maurice Criddle.

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